

## *Committee Meetings*

### **CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Challenges and Opportunities Facing America's Schools and Workplaces". Testimony was heard from Gary Herbert, Governor, State of Utah; Laura Fornash, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### **AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND INNOVATION: AN ASSESSMENT OF NORTH AMERICA'S ENERGY RESOURCES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "American Energy Security and Innovation: An Assessment of North America's Energy Resources". Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration.

### **FIGHTING FOR INTERNET FREEDOM: DUBAI AND BEYOND; AND GLOBAL INTERNET FREE FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a joint hearing entitled "Fighting for Internet Freedom: Dubai and Beyond; and consideration of legislation to affirm that it is the policy of the United States to promote a global Internet free from government control. Testimony was heard from Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Bitange Ndemo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication, Government of Kenya (by videoconference); and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a business meeting to adopt the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Ethics:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider organizational matters relating to the start of the 113th Congress. The Committee agreed to its rules.

### **FATAH-HAMAS RECONCILIATION: THREATENING PEACE PROSPECTS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled "The Fatah-Hamas Reconciliation: Threatening Peace Prospects". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 113th Congress. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure and oversight plan for the 113th Congress.

### **AMERICA'S IMMIGRATION SYSTEM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGAL IMMIGRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "America's Immigration System: Opportunities for Legal Immigration and Enforcement of Laws against Illegal Immigration". Testimony was heard from Julian Castro, Mayor, San Antonio, Texas; and public witnesses.

### **GOVERNMENT SPENDING: ADDRESSING THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED EVERY YEAR**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a business meeting and held a hearing entitled "Government Spending: How Can We Best Address the Billions of Dollars Wasted Every Year?". The Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ANALYZING VA'S ACTIONS TO PREVENT LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE IN PITTSBURGH**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Analyzing VA's Actions to Prevent Legionnaire's Disease in Pittsburgh." Testimony was heard from Robert Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gary Roselle, Chief, Medical Service, Program Director, Infectious Diseases, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lauri Hicks, Medical Epidemiologist, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

**TEMPORARY DISABILITY RATING: AN EXAMINATION OF ITS EFFECTIVE USE**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "The 100% Temporary Disability Rating: An Examination of Its Effective Use". Testimony was heard from Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Brent Arronte, Director, San Diego Benefits Inspection Division, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee, continued business meeting to adopt the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 113th Congress, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Proper Role of the Federal Housing Administration in our Mortgage Insurance Market", 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "American Competitiveness: The Role of Research and Development", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.